

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims

1. (previously presented) A system having an information-recording apparatus comprising:

a recording device adapted to record media data from a first recording medium, said first recording medium being removable with respect to the information-recording apparatus, onto a second recording medium fixed within the information-recording apparatus, the second recording medium being other than the first recording medium;

a protection-information-recognition device adapted to recognize whether ~~[[a]]~~ the first recording medium has protection information used for protecting copyright by preventing media data recorded on said first recording medium from being recorded onto a second recording medium ~~other than said first recording medium~~ before the recording of the media data onto the second recording medium by the recording device;

an ID-information-sending device adapted to send ID-information corresponding to said media data to an information-providing apparatus via a network in a case where it is recognized that said first recording medium has the protection information related to said media data;

a corresponding-information-receiving device adapted to receive corresponding content information that relates to said media data ~~and~~ is sent from said information-providing apparatus with respect to the ID information,

wherein said ~~system~~ recording device is adapted to record at least a portion of said content information received instead of recording said media data recorded on the first recording medium onto said second recording medium upon receipt of said corresponding content information related to said media data.

2. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein recording said corresponding content information related to said media data on to said second recording medium instead of said media data is by way of said ID-information-sending device and said corresponding-information-receiving device when it is not possible to record said media data from said first recording medium to said second recording medium regardless of whether or not there is said protection

information.

3. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said information-recording apparatus further comprises:

a trial-information-receiving device which receives trial information that is related to said media data and that is sent from said information-providing apparatus according to said ID information via said network;

an information-reproduction device which reproduces said received trial information; and

a corresponding-information-request device which prompts the user to request said corresponding content information related to said media data after said trial information has been reproduced by said information-reproduction device; and

wherein said information-providing apparatus further comprises:

a trial-information-acquisition device which acquires said trial information based on said ID information; and

a trial-information-sending device which sends said trial information to said information-recording apparatus via said network; and

wherein said corresponding-information-sending device sends said corresponding content information related to said media data to said information-recording apparatus only when there was a request from said information-recording apparatus for said corresponding content information related to said media data.

4. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said information-recording apparatus further comprises:

a user-information-acquisition device which acquires user information that is set for each apparatus or for each said recording medium; and

a user-information-sending device which sends said acquired user information to said information-providing apparatus via said network; and

wherein said information-providing apparatus further comprises a user-information-receiving device for receiving said user information sent from said information-recording apparatus; and

wherein said corresponding-information-sending device determines based on said user

information whether or not access is improper access, and when it determines that access is improper access, it does not send said corresponding content information related to said media data to said information-recording apparatus.

5. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said information-recording apparatus further comprises a cost-information-receiving device which receives the cost corresponding to said corresponding content information related to said media data via said network; and wherein said information-providing apparatus further comprises:

a cost-information-acquisition device which acquires said cost information; and a cost-information-sending device which sends said acquired cost information to said information-recording apparatus via said network.

6. (previously presented) The system of claim 5 wherein said information-providing apparatus further comprises a user-information-management device which manages said user information; and wherein device said cost-information-acquisition acquires said cost information based on said user information managed by said user-information-management device.

7. (previously presented) The system of claim 5 wherein said information-recording apparatus further comprises a cost-information-supply device which supplies the user with said cost information; and wherein said corresponding-information-request device prompts the user to request said corresponding content information related to said media data after said cost information has been supplied to the user by said cost-information-supply device.

8. (previously presented) The system of claim 5 wherein said cost information is information showing the bill for said corresponding content information related to said media data.

9. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said first recording medium is a removable-type recording medium that is owned by said user.

10. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said information-recording device

correlates said corresponding content information related to said media data with said ID information and records them on said second recording medium.

11. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said ID-information-sending device determines whether or not said corresponding content information related to said media data correlated with said ID information is recorded on said second recording medium, and when it is determined that it is recorded, it does not send said ID information.

12. (previously presented) An information-recording apparatus that is capable of accessing an information-providing apparatus via a network, comprising:

an ID-information-acquisition device which acquires ID information that corresponds to a media data recorded on a first recording medium;

a protection-information-recognition device adapted to recognize whether said first recording medium has protection information used for protecting copyright by preventing recording of said media data recorded on said first recording medium from being recorded onto a second recording medium other than said first recording medium;

an ID-information-sending device which sends said ID-information to said information-providing apparatus via said network in a case where it is recognized that said first recording medium has the protection information related to said media data;

a corresponding-information-receiving device which receives corresponding content information related to said media data that is sent from said information-providing apparatus via said network according to said ID information; and

an information-recording device which records said corresponding content information related to said media data onto said second recording medium instead of recording said media data onto said second recording medium upon receipt of said corresponding content information related to said media data by the information-recording apparatus.

13. (previously presented) The information-recording apparatus of claim 12 further comprising:

a trial-information-receiving device which receives trial information that is related to said media data and that is sent from said information-providing apparatus according to said ID

information via said network,

an information-reproduction device which reproduces said trial information, and
a corresponding-information-request device which prompts the user to request said corresponding content information related to said media data after said trial information has been reproduced by said information-reproduction device.

14. (original) The information-recording apparatus of claim 12 further comprising:

a user-information-acquisition device which acquires user information that is set for each apparatus or for each said recording medium; and

a user-information-sending device which sends said acquired user information to said information-providing apparatus via said network.

15. (previously presented) The information-recording apparatus of claim 12 further comprising:

a cost-information-receiving device which receives cost information according to said corresponding content information related to said media data via said network.

16. (previously presented) The information-recording apparatus of claim 15 further comprising:

a cost-information-supply device which supplies said user with said received cost information; and

wherein said corresponding-information-request device prompts the user to request said corresponding content information related to said media data after said cost information has been supplied by said cost-information-supply device.

17. (previously presented) An information-providing apparatus that provides contents information to an information-recording apparatus via a network for the purpose of preventing media data on a first recording medium in said information-recording apparatus from recording onto a second recording medium other than said first recording medium and comprising:

an ID-information-receiving device adapted to receive ID information that corresponds to a media data recorded on said first recording medium in a case where it is recognized that a first

recording medium has protection information related to said media data, wherein said ID information is sent from said information-recording apparatus via said network;

a corresponding-information-acquisition device adapted to acquire said contents information related to said media data based on said ID information; and

a corresponding-information-sending device which sends said contents information to said information-recording apparatus via said network to enable said second information-recording apparatus to record said contents information onto the second recording medium.

18. (previously presented) The information-providing apparatus of claim 17 further comprising:

a trial-information-acquisition device which acquires trial information related to said media data based on said ID information; and

a trial-information-sending device which sends said trial information to said information-recording apparatus via said network; and

wherein said corresponding-information-sending device sends said contents information to said information-recording apparatus only when there is a request from said information-recording apparatus for said contents information.

19. (previously presented) The information-providing apparatus of claim 17 further comprising:

a user-information-receiving device adapted for receiving user information from said information-recording apparatus that was set for each information-recording apparatus or for each said recording medium; and

wherein said corresponding-information-sending device is adapted to determine whether there is improper access based on said user information and said corresponding-information-sending device is configured to not send said contents information to said information-recording apparatus when it has been determined that there is improper access.

20. (previously presented) The information-providing apparatus of claim 17 further comprising:
a cost-information-acquisition device which acquires cost information according to said contents information; and

a cost-information-sending device which sends said cost information to said information-

recording apparatus via said network.

21. (original) The information-providing apparatus of claim 20 further comprising a user-information-management device which manages said user information; and wherein said cost-information-acquisition device acquires cost information based on said user information managed by said user-information-management device.

22. (original) The information-providing system of claim 1 comprising a recording medium on which an information-providing program is recorded which is readable by a plurality of computers and that the program causes said plurality of computers to function as said information-recording apparatus and said information-providing apparatus.

23. (previously presented) A recording medium on which an information-recording program is recorded, and which is readable by a computer that is capable of accessing an information-providing apparatus via a network, the program causing the computer to function as the information-recording apparatus of claim 12 that:

an ID-information-acquisition device which acquires ID information that corresponds to a media data recorded on a first recording medium;

a protection-information-recognition device adapted to recognize whether a first recording medium has protection information used for protecting copyright by preventing recording of said media data recorded on said first recording medium from being recorded onto a second recording medium other than said first recording medium;

an ID-information-sending device which sends said ID-information to said information-providing apparatus via said network in a case where it is recognized that said first recording medium has the protection information related to said media data;

a corresponding-information-receiving device which receives corresponding content information related to said media data and that is sent from said information-providing apparatus via said network according to said ID information; and

an information-recording device which records said corresponding content information that was received by said corresponding-information-receiving device onto said second recording

medium instead of recording said media data onto said second recording medium instead of recording said media data onto said second recording medium upon receipt of said corresponding content information related to said media data by the information-recording apparatus.

24. (previously presented) A recording medium on which an information-providing program is recorded, and which is readable by a computer that provides information to an information-recording apparatus via a network, the program causing the computer to function as the information-providing apparatus of claim 17 that:

an ID-information-receiving device that receives ID information that corresponds to a program information media data recorded on a recording medium and that is sent from said information-recording apparatus via said network;

a corresponding-information-acquisition device which acquires corresponding content information related to said media data based on said ID information; and

a corresponding-information-sending device which sends said corresponding content information to said information-recording apparatus via said network.

25. (currently amended) An information-providing ~~method of an information-providing~~ system comprising:

an information-providing apparatus that provides information via a network, and

an information-recording apparatus that can access said information-providing apparatus via said network, and wherein:

said information-recording apparatus comprises:

a recording device adapted to record media data from a first recording medium, said first recording medium being removable with respect to the information-recording apparatus, onto a second recording medium fixed within the information-recording apparatus, the second recording medium being other than the first recording medium;

an ID-information-acquisition process of acquiring ID information that corresponds to the media data recorded on ~~[[a]]~~ the first recording medium in a case where it is recognized that said first recording medium has the protection information related to said media data;

a protection-information-recognition device adapted to recognize whether said first

recording medium has protection information used for protecting copyright by preventing recording of said media data recorded on said first recording medium from being recorded onto [[a]] the second recording medium ~~other than said first recording medium~~; and

an ID-information-sending process of sending said acquired ID information to said information-providing apparatus via said network when said protection information is recognized in said protection-information-recognition process; and
said information-providing apparatus comprises:

an ID-information-receiving process of receiving said ID information sent from said information-recording apparatus via said network in a case where it is recognized that said first recording medium has the protection information related to said media data;

a corresponding-information-acquisition process of acquiring said corresponding content information based on said ID information; and

a corresponding-information-sending process of sending said corresponding content information to said information-recording apparatus via said network; and
wherein said information-recording apparatus further comprises:

a corresponding-information-receiving process of receiving said corresponding content information that is related to said media data and that is sent from said information-providing apparatus via said network according to said ID information; and

an information-recording process of recording said corresponding content information that was received by said corresponding-information-receiving device on to said second recording medium instead of recording said media data onto said second recording medium upon receipt of said corresponding content information related to said media data.

26. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the media data is music data and the first recording medium is a compact disc.

27. (new) A method for providing information comprising:

recording media data from a first recording medium, said first recording medium being

removable with respect to the information-recording apparatus, onto a second recording medium fixed within the information-recording apparatus, the second recording medium being other than the first recording medium;

recognizing whether the first recording medium has protection information used for protecting copyright by preventing media data recorded on said first recording medium from being recorded onto a second recording medium before the recording of the media data onto the second recording medium by the recording device;

sending ID-information corresponding to said media data to an information-providing apparatus via a network in a case where it is recognized that said first recording medium has the protection information related to said media data;

receiving corresponding content information that relates to said media data and is sent from said information-providing apparatus with respect to the ID information, wherein said recording device records at least a portion of said content information received instead of recording said media data recorded on the first recording medium onto said second recording medium upon receipt of said corresponding content information related to said media data.

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